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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON CANO LIMON OIL FIELD

1. SUMMARY: GUERRILLA FORCES ATTACKED FOUR OIL WELLS
AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AT CANO LIMON, COLOMBIA'S LARGEST
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OIL FIELD. REPAIRS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN
A WEEK. LOST PRODUCTION FROM THE ATTACK IS
APPROXIMATELY 5,700 BARRELS PER DAY. END SUMMARY

2. GUERRILLA ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY
(ELN) CARRIED OUT AN ATTACK AGAINST THE CANO LIMON OIL
FIELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAUCA FEBRUARY 15. CANO
LIMON, WHICH IS OPERATED BY OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, IS
COLOMBIA'S LARGEST PRODUCING OIL FIELD (DAILY PRODUCTION
AVERAGES 205,000 BARRELS PER DAY).

3. AN OCCIDENTAL SPOKESMAN INFORMED POST THAT FOUR

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PRODUCTION WELLS AND A FEW ELECTRIC GENERATOR SETS WERE DAMAGED IN THE ATTACK. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES TO OIL FIELD PERSONNEL. LOST PRODUCTION FROM THE WELLS IS PUT AT 5,700 B/D, OR ABOUT 2.5 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION. OCCIDENTAL EXPECTS TO HAVE THE DAMAGED WELLS BACK IN SERVICE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

4. THIS ATTACK IS THE FIRST ATTACK ON OIL FIELD INSTALLATIONS IN MORE FOUR YEARS. THE GUERRILLAS NORMALLY ATTACK THE VULNERABLE 760 KILOMETER LONG PIPELINE WHICH LINKS CANO LIMON WITH COLOMBIA'S MAIN EXPORT TERMINAL AT COVENAS, ON THE CARIBBEAN COAST.

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